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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY
THE WASHINGTON POST
THOMAS LIPPMAN DISCUSSES THE LAST MINUTE SQUABBLE THAT BROKE
OUT THURSDAY BETWEEN THE U.S. AND COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS TO THE
JMC. THE ISSUES INCLUDED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A HANDFUL OF
U.S. POWS IN LAOS AND THE TIMING OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE RE-
MAINING AMERICAN TROOPS FROM VIETNAM. THE SNAG LEFT UNDECIDED
WHEN THE LAST OF THE U.S. POWS WOULD BE RELEASED THIS WEEKEND
AS EARLIER SCHEDULED. (A-1)
PRESIDENT NIXON SAID YESTERDAY THAT HE WILL ASK CONGRESS FOR
BROAD NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY TO PROTECT AMERICAN TRADING INTER-
ESTS. THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF CERTAIN
COMMON MARKET AND JAPANESE RESTRICTIONS AGAINST AMERICAN GOODS.
IT CHARGED THAT INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS GOVERNING TRADE PRAC-
TICES ARE BROKEN OR EVADED BY MANY COUNTRIES. (A-1)
DAVID OTTAWAY NOTES THAT IRAN HAS PROPOSED A PLAN THAT WOULD
GIVE IT CONTROL OF ALL SHIPPING TO AND FROM THE PERSIAN GULF,
FROM WHICH TWO-THIRDS OF THE NON-COMMUNIST WORLD'S OIL IMPORTS
NOW COME. (A-1)
MICHAEL GETLER REPORTS THAT ADMIRAL GAYLER YESTERDAY DISCLOSED
THAT THERE WAS DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND HANOI OVER
WHETHER AMERICAN MINES IN DRV HARBORS HAD TO BE PHYSICALLY RE-
MOVED OR SIMPLY NEUTRALIZED AND LEFT ON THE BOTTOM. (A-6)
JACK ANDERSON ASSERTS THAT THE SUCCESS OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S
STRATEGY IN INDOCHINA DEPENDS HEAVILY UPON LON NOC, AN AILING,
ERRATIC MAN. (D-17)
THE NEW YORK TIMES
SYLVAN FOX REPORTS ON THE DISPUTE NOW TAKING PLACE BETWEEN THE

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U.S. AND NORTH VIETNAM CONCERNING POW RELEASES. THE COMMUNISTS CHARGED THE U.S. WITH "POSING NEW CONDITIONS" IN THE PRISONER RELEASE PROCESS. (A-1)

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PANAMA SAID TODAY SHE WOULD CARRY HER DEMAND FOR CONTROL OF THE CANAL ZONE TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY DESPITE AN AMERICAN VETO OF A SIMILAR RESOLUTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. (A-2)

CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT SVOBODA WAS ELECTED TO A SECOND FIVE-YEAR TERM. SVOBODA WON A UNANIMOUS ENDORSEMENT FROM 341 DEPUTIES OF THE TWO HOUSES OF THE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY. (A-3)

SENATOR HENRY JACKSON SAID TODAY THAT DESPITE SOME ENCOURAGING SIGNS FROM MOSCOW, HE WOULD PRESS FORWARD WITH HIS LEGISLATION TO BAR TRADE CONCESSIONS TO THE SOVIET UNION SO LONG AS EMIGRATION OF JEWS AND OTHERS WAS RESTRICTED. (A-5)

FLORA LEWIS DISCUSSES THE VIETNAMESE TALKS GOING ON IN PARIS. THE SECOND FORMAL MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO VIETNAMS WAS CHARACTERIZED WITH AN EXCHANGE OF CHARGES OF TRUCE VIOLATIONS.

BOTH SIDES REJECTED EACH OTHER'S AGENDA FOR NEGOTIATIONS. (A-14)

THE BALTIMORE SUN
 IN LIGHT OF THE INTERNAL DISRUPTION THAT HAS PLAGUED THE LON NOL GOVERNMENT, COMMUNIST EXPECTATIONS OF A COLLAPSE IN THE LON NOL REGIME HAVE RISEN. THE COMMUNISTS FEEL THAT WITHOUT U.S. SUPPORT, PRESIDENT LON NOL COULD NOT SURVIVE. (A-2)

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